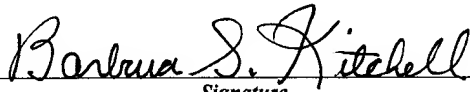
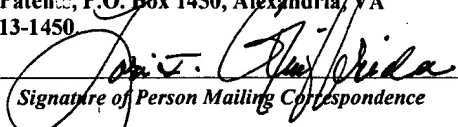


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)			Docket No. 30471.59020US	
In Re Application Of: Roberto A. Gaxiola				
Serial No. 09/934,088	Filing Date 08/20/01	Examiner Ashwin D. Mehta	Group Art Unit 1638	
Invention: METHODS FOR IMPARTING DESIRABLE PHENOTYPIC TRAITS INCLUDING DROUGHT, FREEZE AND HIGH SALT TOLERANCE AND METHODS FOR INCREASING SEED PRODUCTION				
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>				
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>September 24, 2003</u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div>				
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"><input type="checkbox"/> One month<input type="checkbox"/> Two months<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months<input type="checkbox"/> Four months<input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"><div>from: <u>December 24, 2003</u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div><div>until: <u>March 24, 2004</u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div></div>				
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</div>				
The fee for the extension of time is \$475 and is to be paid as follows: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105 <input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 04-1105</div>				
 <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Signature</small></div>		Dated: March 24, 2004		
Barbara S. Kitchell, Registration No. 33,928 Attorney for Applicant EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP P.O. Box 55874 Boston, MA 02205 (203) 353-6848				
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<div style="font-size: small;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on March 24, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail, Label No. EV 438 997 476 US and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div><div style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">LORI J. GIUFFRIDA</div><div style="text-align: center;"><small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div></div>				